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Mr. William Dalton PO Box 105 Minersville UT 84752

Dear Mr. Dalton:

In 1997, the attached letters were sent to you regarding the need for water meters on your well.

The status of Rocky Ford Reservoir and the low amount of snow pack so far this year make it likely that surface water will be in short supply during the coming year. It is probable there will be much more use of groundwater by Rocky Ford shareholders than in previous years, so it will be necessary to carefully monitor the use of groundwater either by acreage or by water meter.

Our information indicates you irrigate more land than is allowed by your groundwater rights. We assume the additional land is irrigated with water from shares in the Rocky Ford Irrigation Company. Because of this situation, as you have been informed previously, you are required to have a water meter on your well which has been numbered as Well No. 96 by the water commissioner.

It is very important that your well be equipped with an acceptable water meter before it is turned on this year. This requirement will be strictly enforced this year. Included in the attached documents is a copy of an order to cease the use of water dated April 15, 1997 which you have already received. If groundwater is used in violation of this order legal proceedings will be commenced immediately.

If you have any questions concerning this notice or the acceptable installation of your water meter, please contact Kerry Carpenter, Regional Engineer, at (435)586-4231 or Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer, at (801)538-7380.

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